

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant(s) : REUFER, Christian et al.  
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Title : **Process for the Preparation of  $\alpha$ -Substituted Carboxylic Acids from the Series  
Comprising  $\alpha$ -Hydroxycarboxylic Acids and N-Substituted- $\alpha$ -Aminocarboxylic  
Acids**  
  
Docket No. : 032301.435  
Customer No. : 25461

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action of June 8, 2007, regarding the above-referenced matter,  
please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3  
of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.